

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A pipe liner connector suitable for use with connected pipe sections having an internal liner, the pipe liner connector comprising a substantially cylindrical sleeve having opposed open ends for sealed attachment to the internal liner of a the connected pipe sections, and the substantially cylindrical sleeve defining one or more vents for balancing a pressure differential between a micro-annulus, formed between the internal liner and the connected pipe sections, and a bore defined by the connected pipe sections.

2. (original) A pipe liner connector as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the pipe liner connector further comprises a shielding ring located between the opposed open ends.

3. (original) A pipe liner connector as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the shielding ring is heat resistant so as to protect the pipe liner connector from welding or a similar heat inducing processes.

4. (currently amended) A pipe liner connector as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ wherein an open end comprises a diametrically increased ring section longitudinally displaced from the open end ~~opening~~ towards the opposed open end, said ring section having one or more venting grooves located on ~~the~~ an outer surface thereof and extending longitudinally thereon.

5. (currently amended) A pipe liner connector as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the open end further comprises one or more seals located between the open end opening and the ring section and the open end having a diameter intermediate of the cylindrical sleeve and the ring section.

6. (currently amended) A pipe liner connector as claimed in Claim 5 [4] wherein the one or more seals provide a liquid tight connection with ~~the~~ an internal surface of the internal liner while the ~~raised~~ ring section engages with ~~the~~ an internal surface of the pipe section.

7. (currently amended) A pipe liner connector as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ wherein an open end comprises one or more circumferential grooves suitable for receiving an adhesive and a second vent located between the one or more circumferential grooves and the open end opening.

8. (currently amended) A pipe liner connector for use with a pipe having an internal liner, the pipe liner connector comprising a substantially cylindrical sleeve having opposed first and second open ends, wherein the first open end comprises a first diametrically increased ring section longitudinally displaced from the first open end opening towards the second open end, said ring section having one or more venting grooves located on ~~the~~ an outer surface thereof and extending longitudinally thereon.

9. (currently amended) A pipe liner as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the first open end further comprises one or more seals located between the first open end ~~opening~~ and the first ring section and having a diameter intermediate of the cylindrical sleeve and the first ring section.

10. (currently amended) A pipe liner as claimed in Claim 8 ~~or Claim 9~~ wherein the second open end further comprises a second diametrically increased ring section longitudinally displaced from the second open end ~~opening~~ towards the first open end, said second ring section having one or more venting grooves located on ~~the~~ an outer surface thereof and extending longitudinally thereon.

11. (currently amended) A pipe liner as claimed in Claim 10 wherein the second open end further comprises one or more seals located between the second open end ~~opening~~ and the second ring section and having a diameter intermediate of the cylindrical sleeve and the first ring section.

12. (currently amended) A pipe liner as claimed in Claim 10 ~~8 to Claim 11~~ wherein the pipe liner connector further comprises a shielding ring located between the first and second ring sections.